

An Update to the Pancreatic Cyst Biomarker Alliance (**PCBA**): Is the (**cyst**) juice worth the squeeze?



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Is the juice
worth the
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56,770

Estimated new cases of pancreatic cancer (equivalent number of deaths).

8,515

Pancreatic cancers arising from a mucinous pancreatic cyst (IPMN/MCN).

6,462,000

Number of Americans with a **pancreatic cyst**.

3,231,000

Number of Americans with a **mucinous pancreatic cyst**.



Pancreatic Cysts

Endoscopic Ultrasound
Fine Needle Aspiration

Pancreatic Cyst

- Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) allows for high resolution imaging of the pancreatic cyst and relationship to the main pancreatic duct.
- Ancillary studies using **aspirated cyst fluid** include: **CEA** (marker of mucinous cysts), and **cytopathology**.

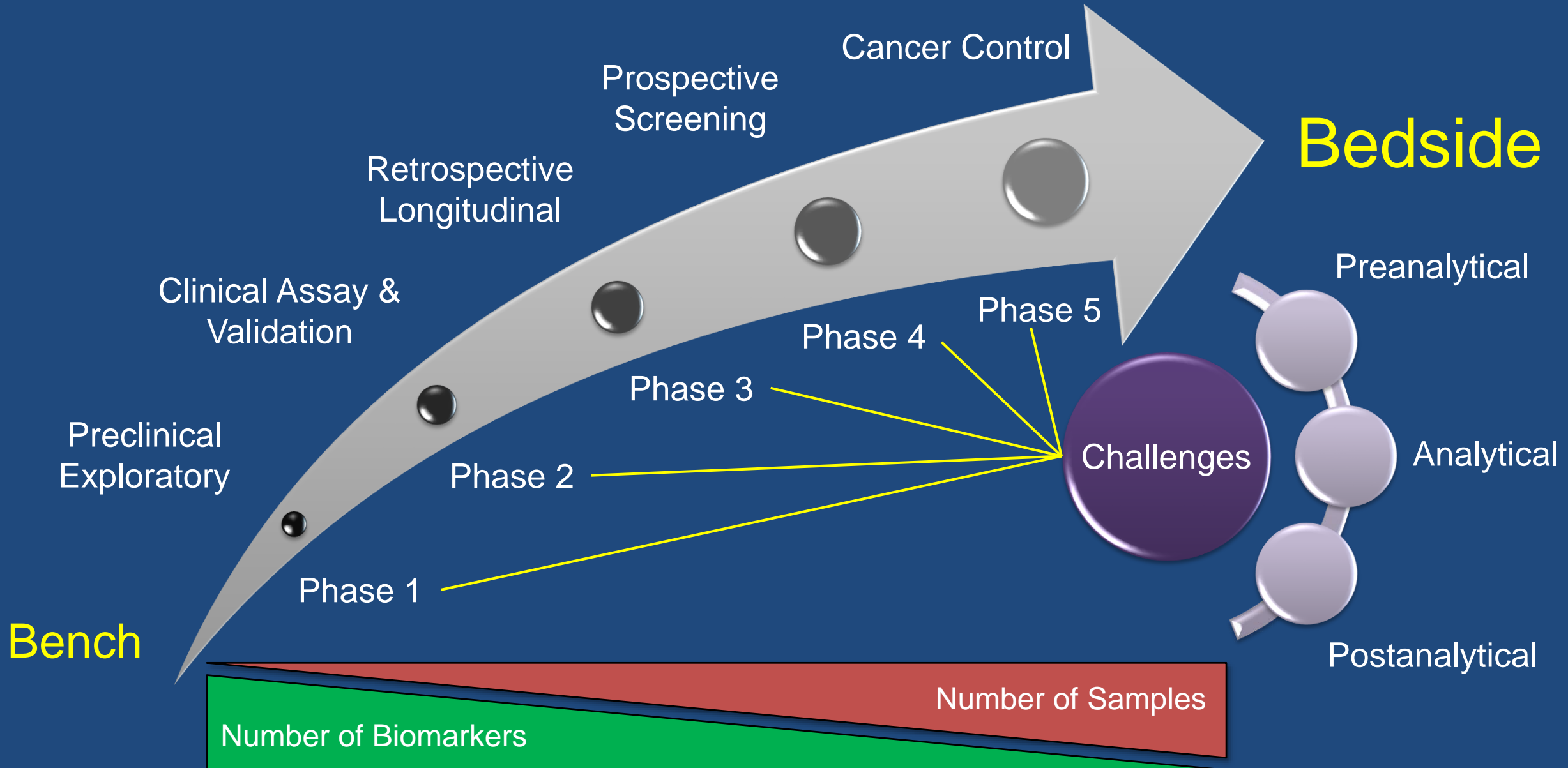
Pancreatic Cysts Biomarkers

- Focus: **Pancreatic Cyst Fluid**
 - Integrated into standard clinical practice
 - Other specimens require further rigorous testing: serum, plasma, urine and stool
- **Two sets** of pancreatic cyst fluid biomarkers exist:
 - Mucinous (malignant potential) **vs.** non-mucinous cysts
 - Advanced neoplasia (malignancy) **vs.** not

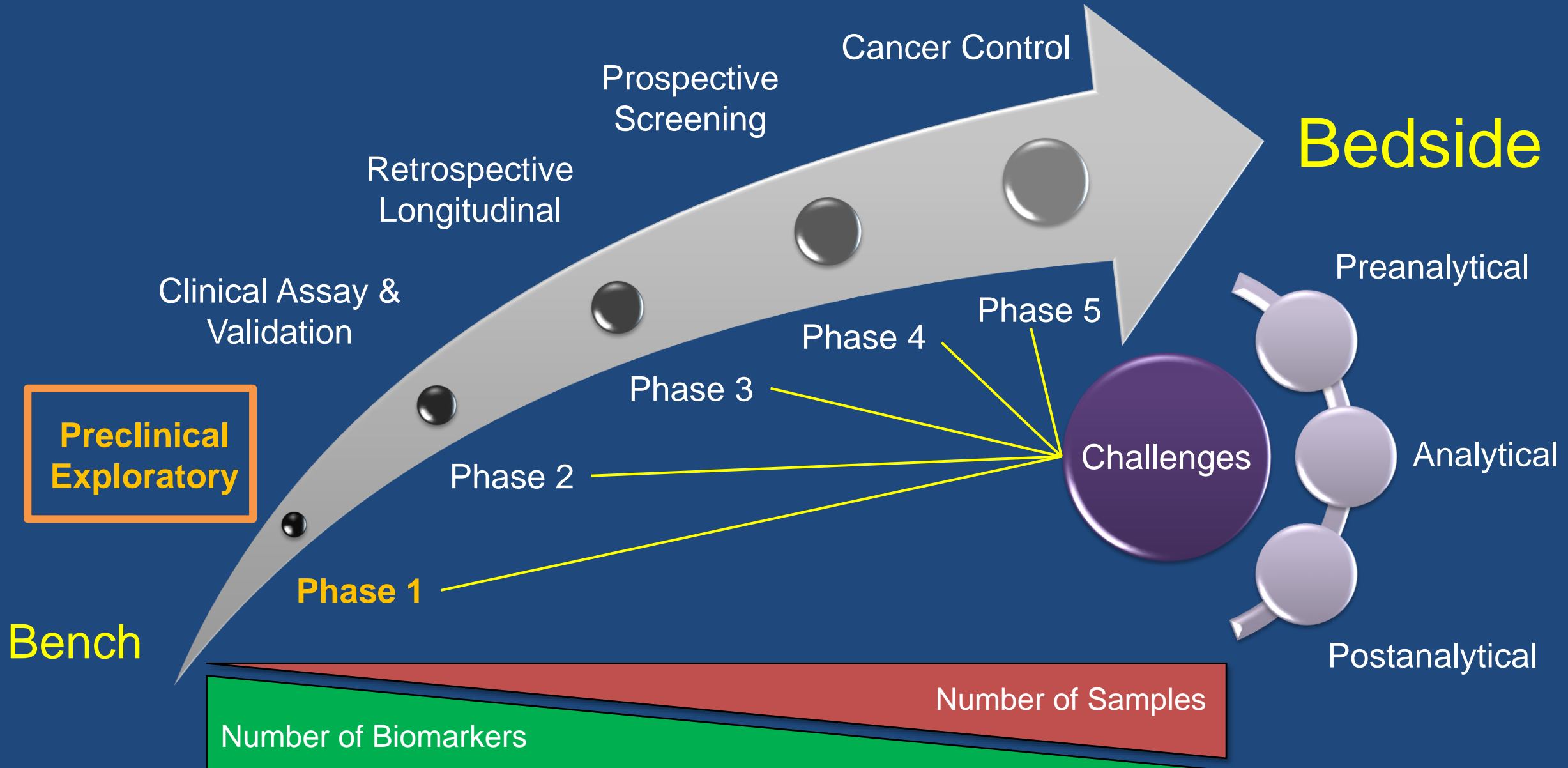
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- Pancreatic Cyst Biomarker Alliance (**PCBA**)
- Demonstrate superiority to CEA
 - Sensitivity: **55-75%**
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- Demonstrate superiority to current pancreatic cyst guidelines (e.g. Fukuoka guidelines)
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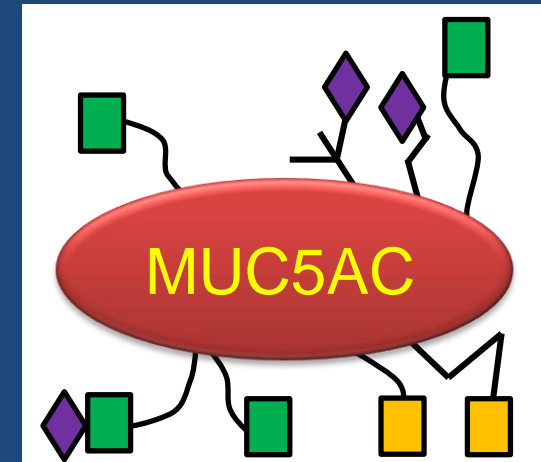
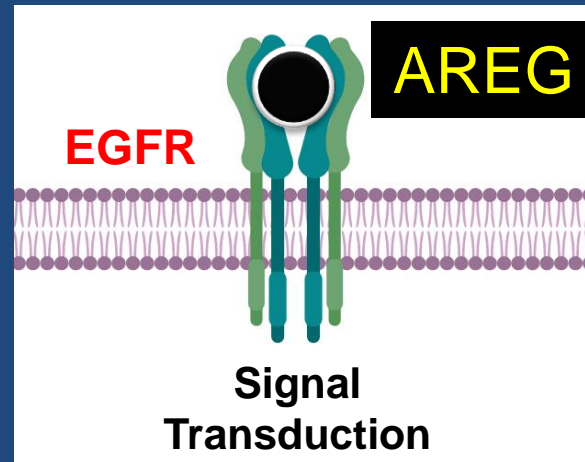
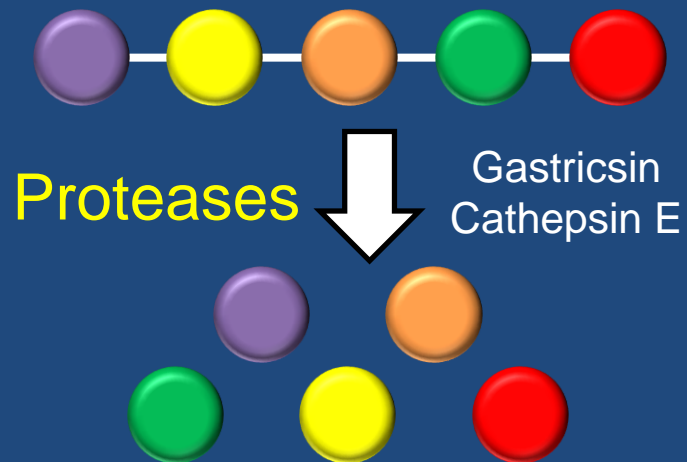
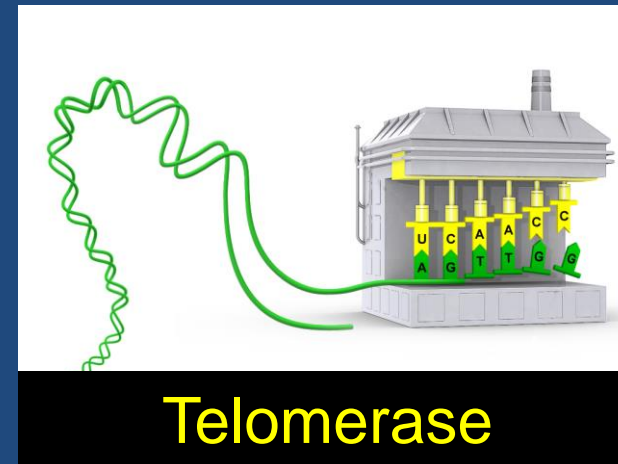
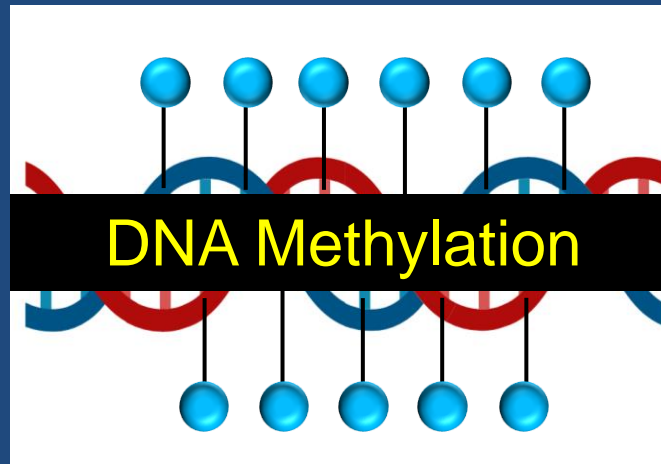
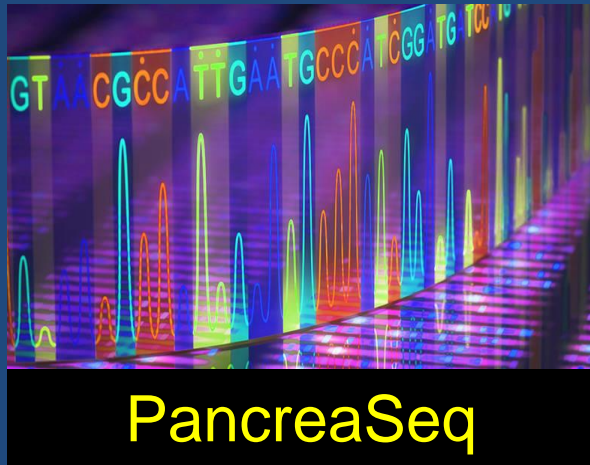
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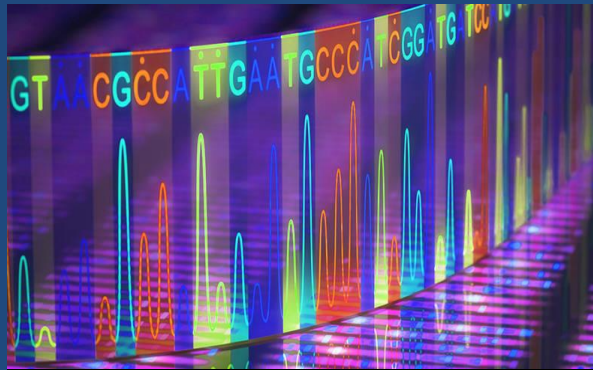
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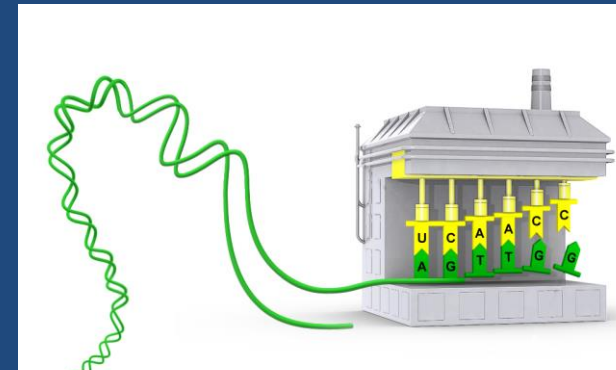
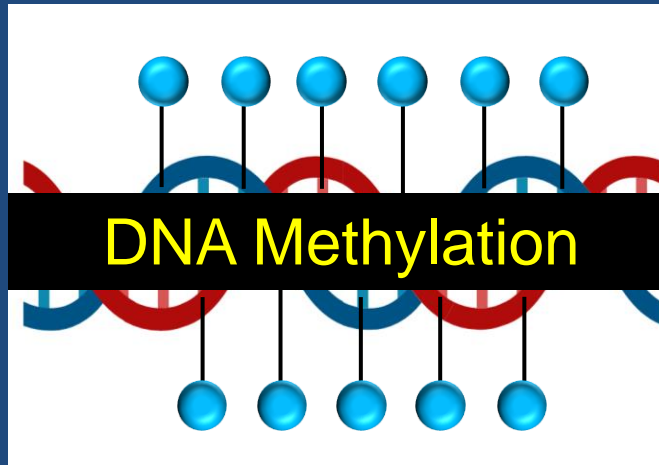
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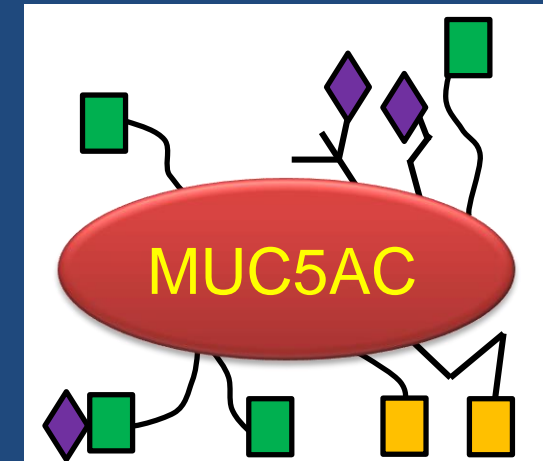
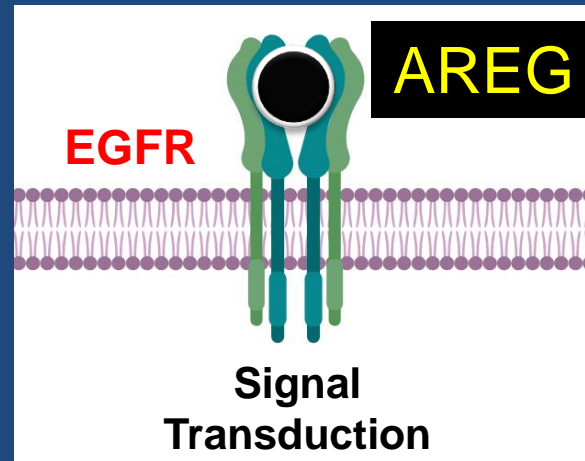
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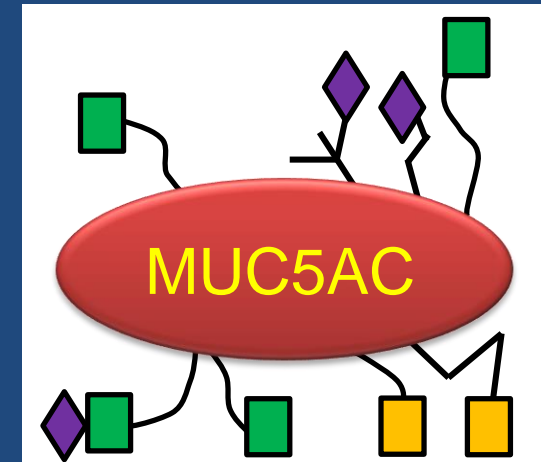
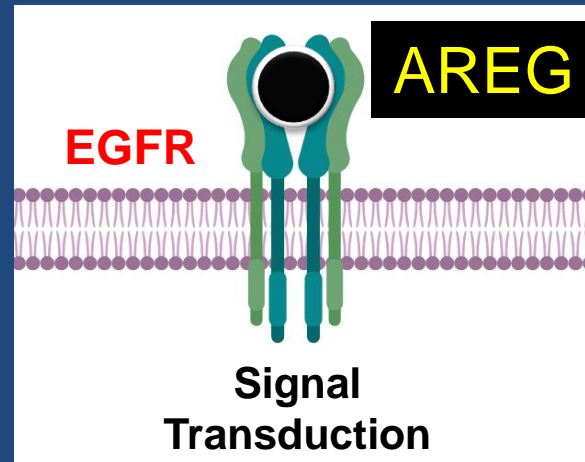
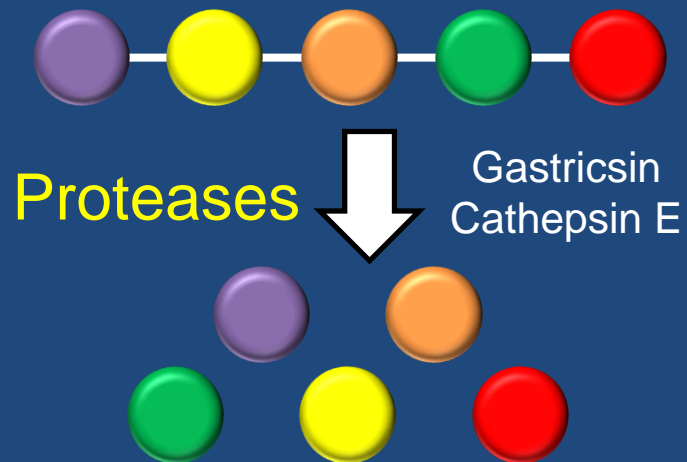
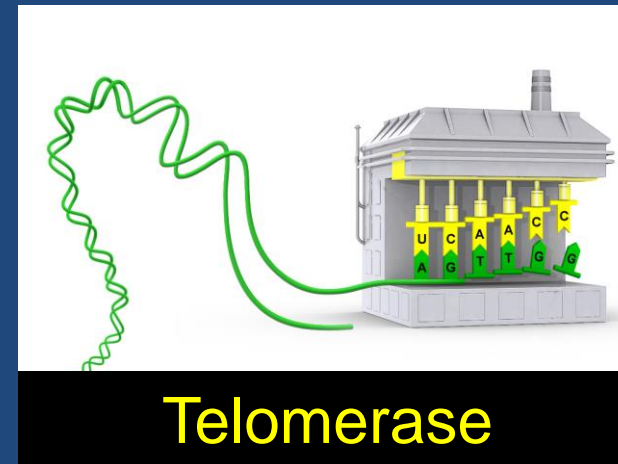
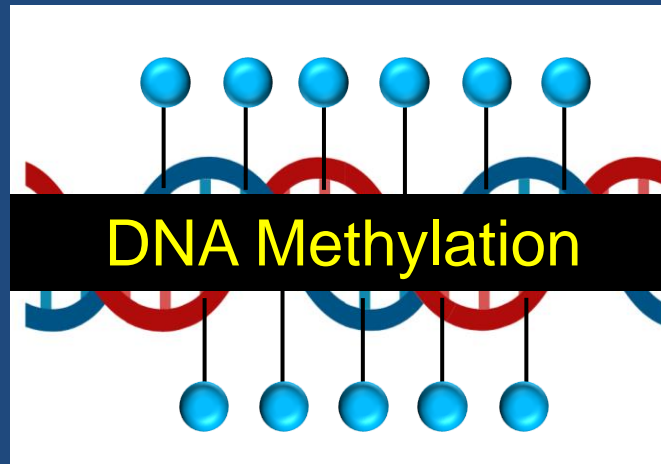
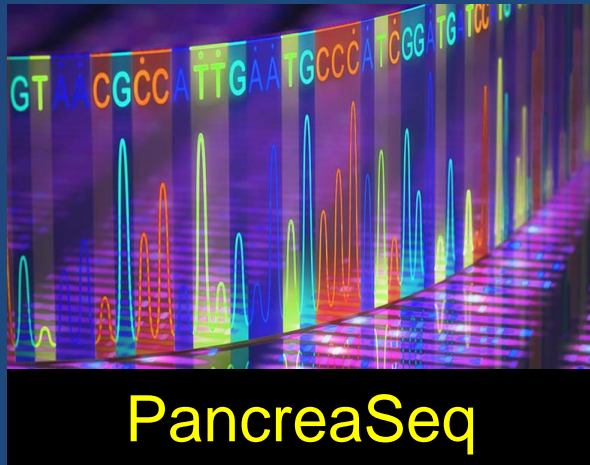
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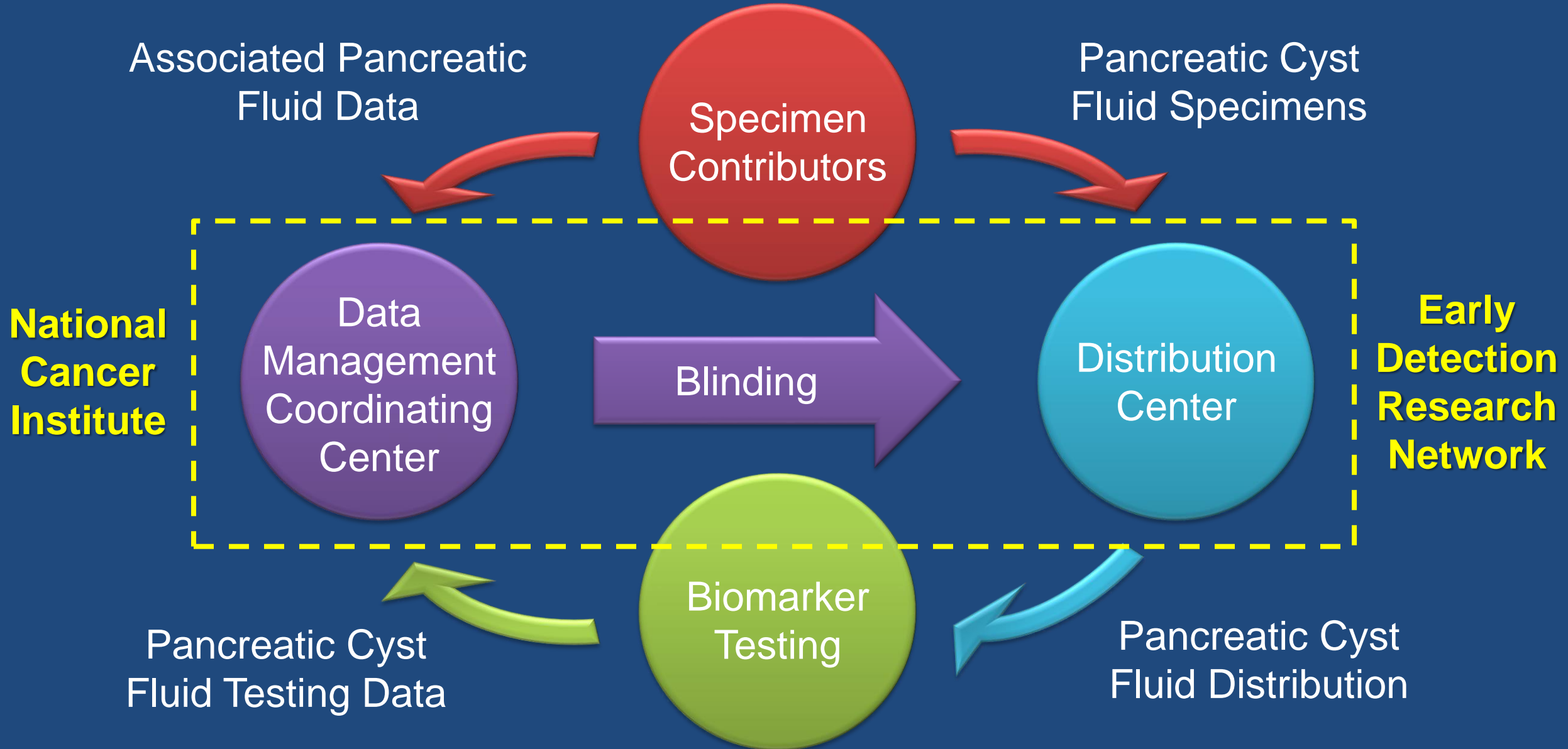
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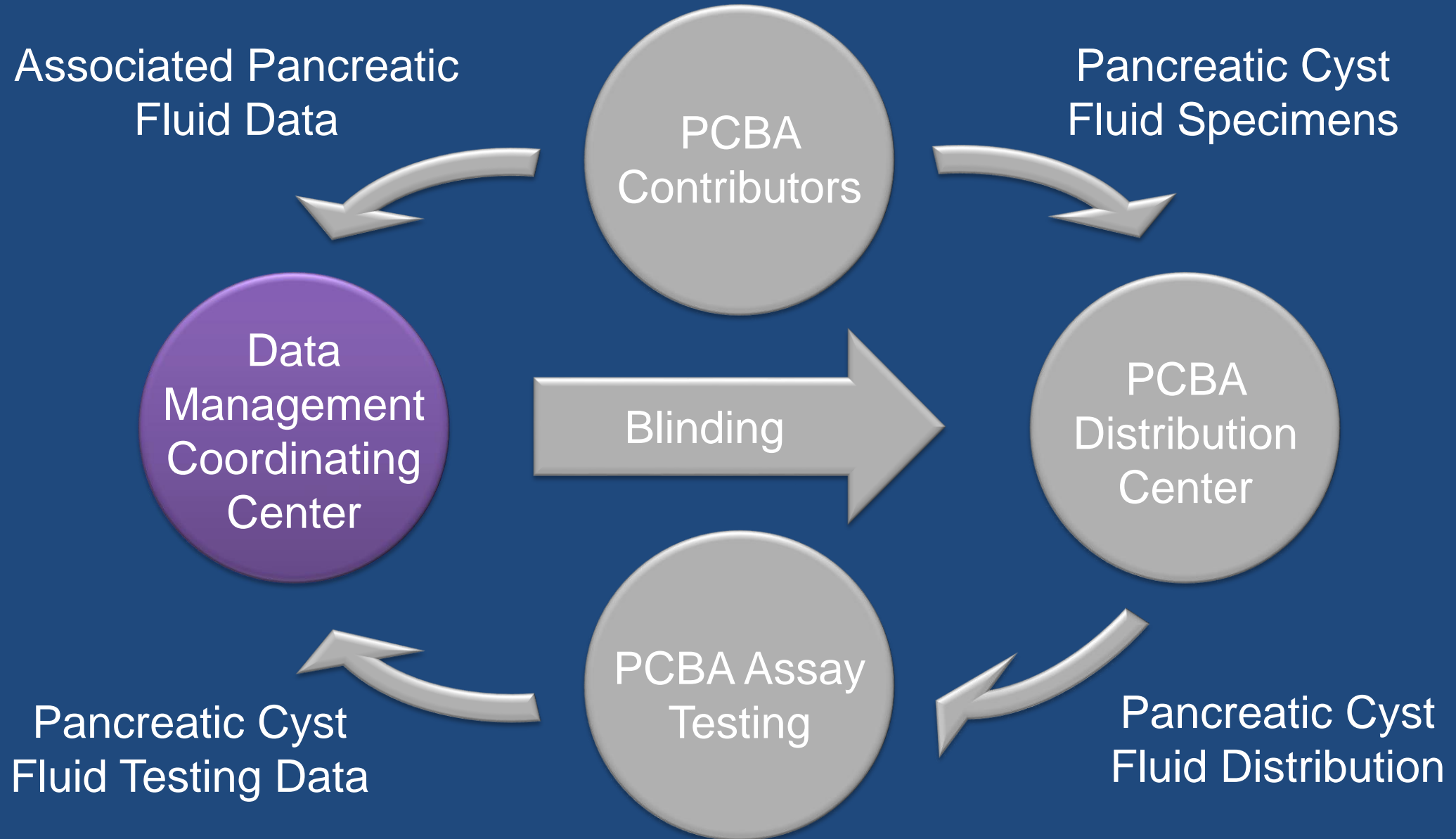
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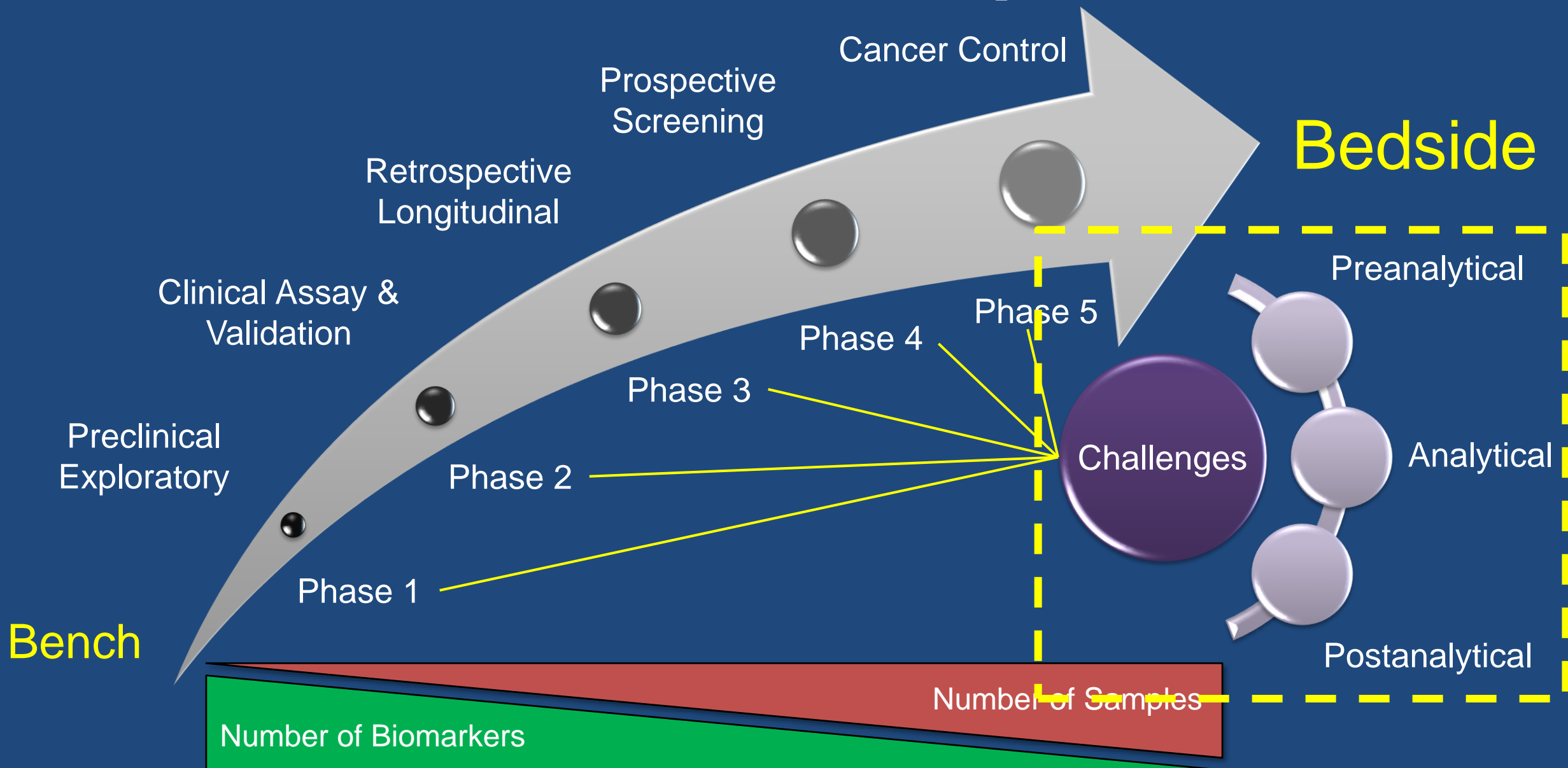
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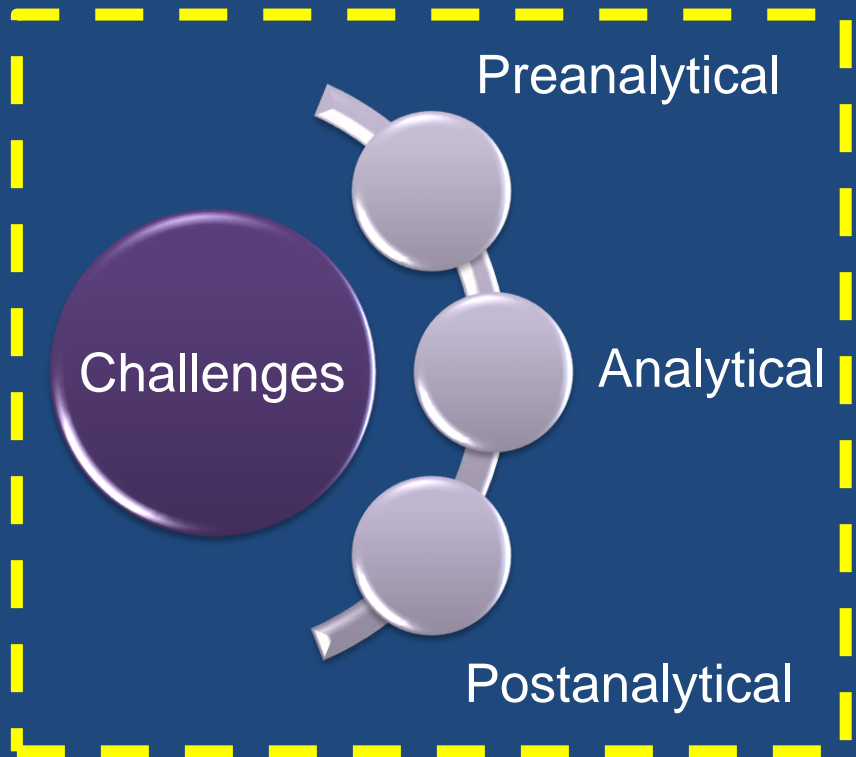
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- **Preanalytical**

- Patient selection bias (EUS vs. surgical pancreatic cyst fluid)
- Diagnostic pathology (subjectivity)
- Sample collection, handling and storage

- **Analytical**

- Methodological artifacts
- Quality controls

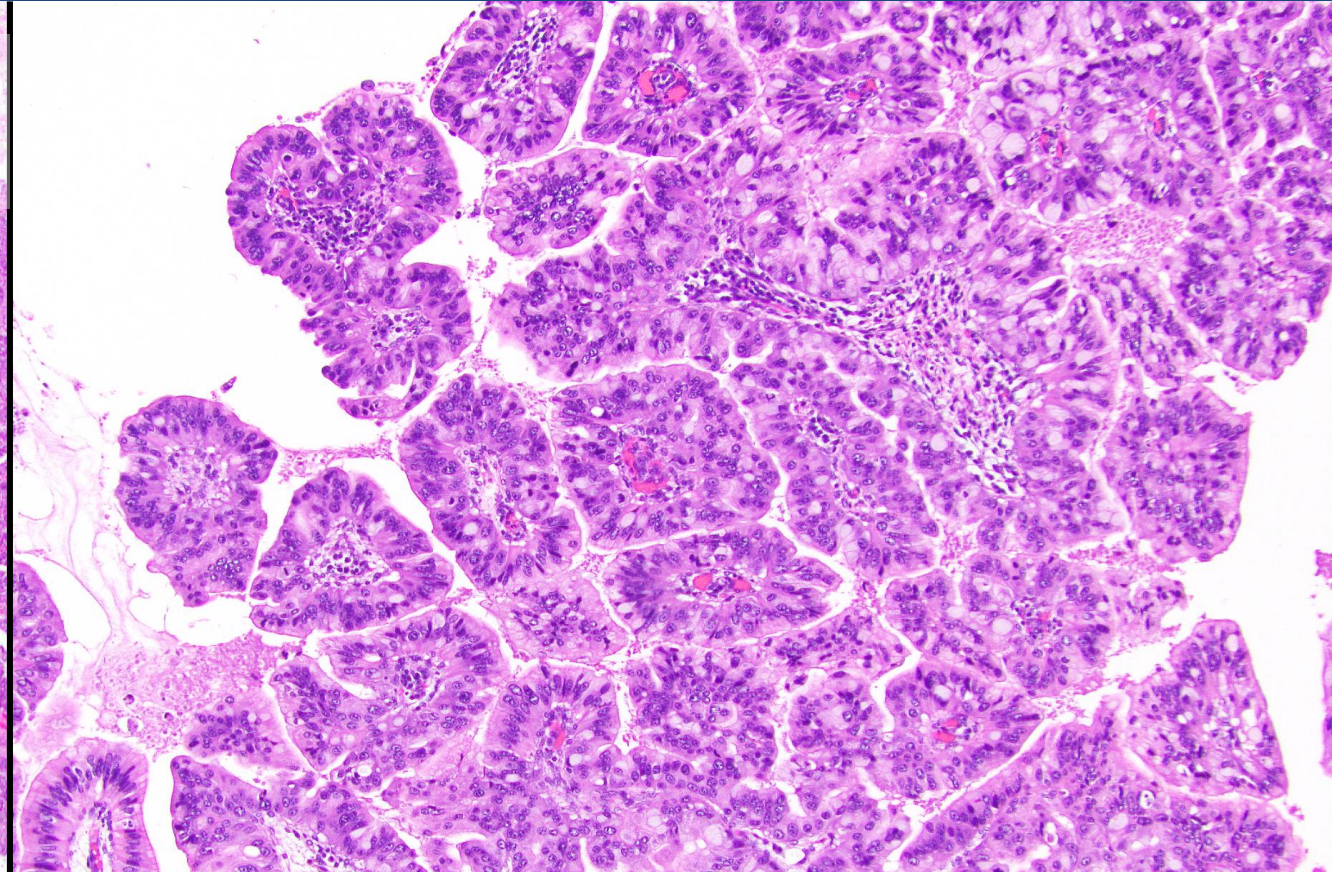
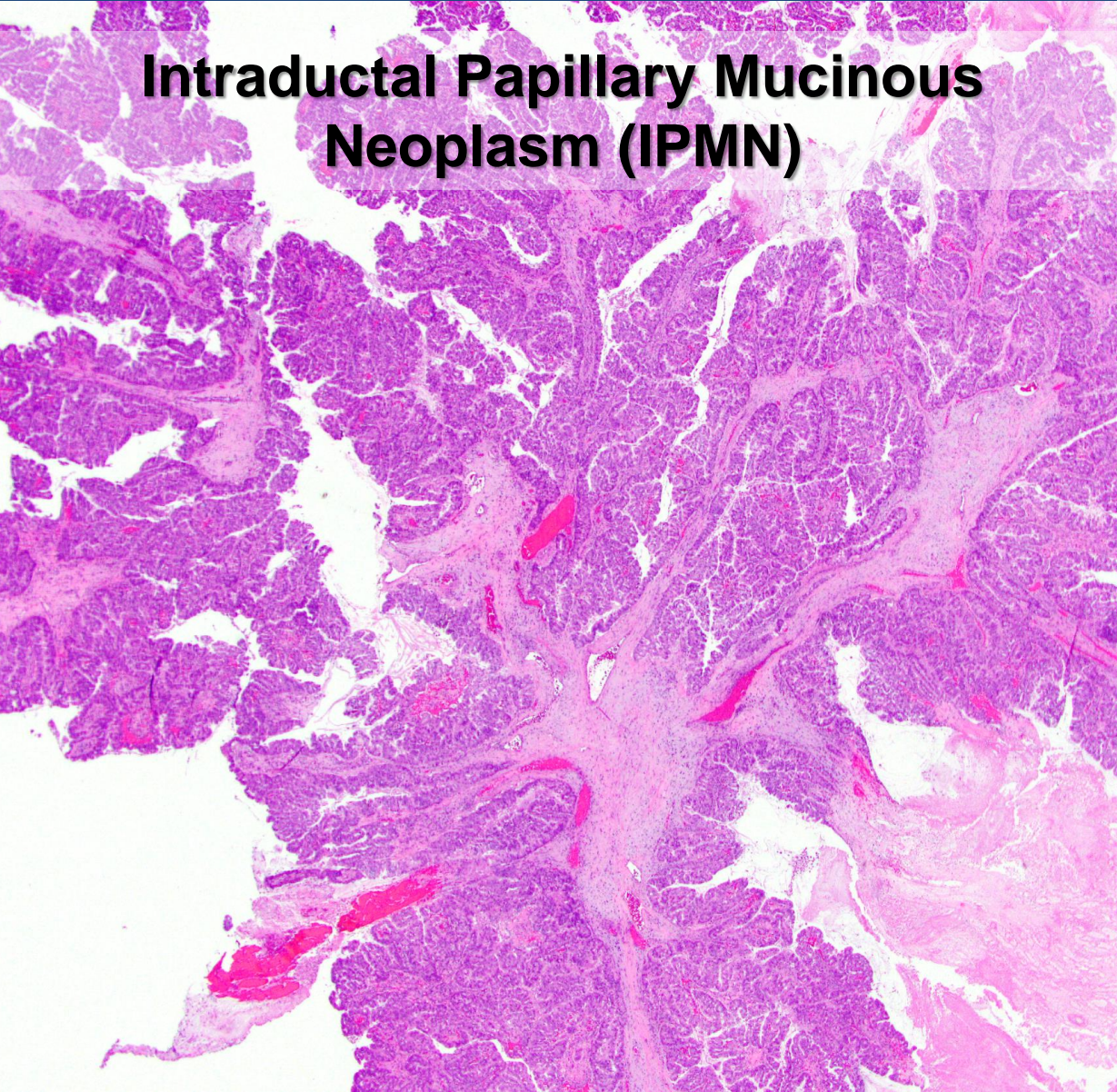
- **Postanalytical**

- Biomarker interpretation
- Comparison with standard tests



Pathology

Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm (IPMN)

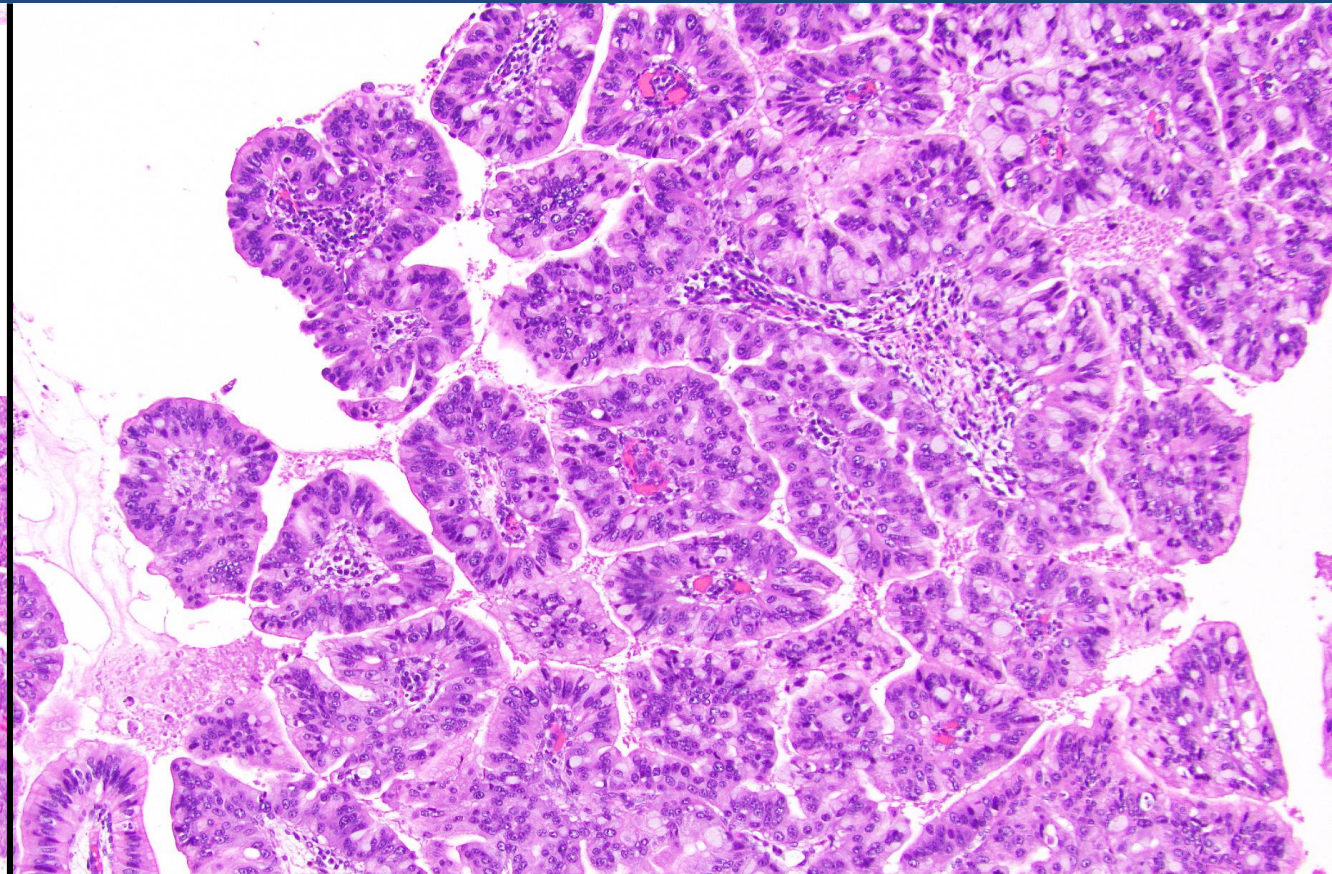
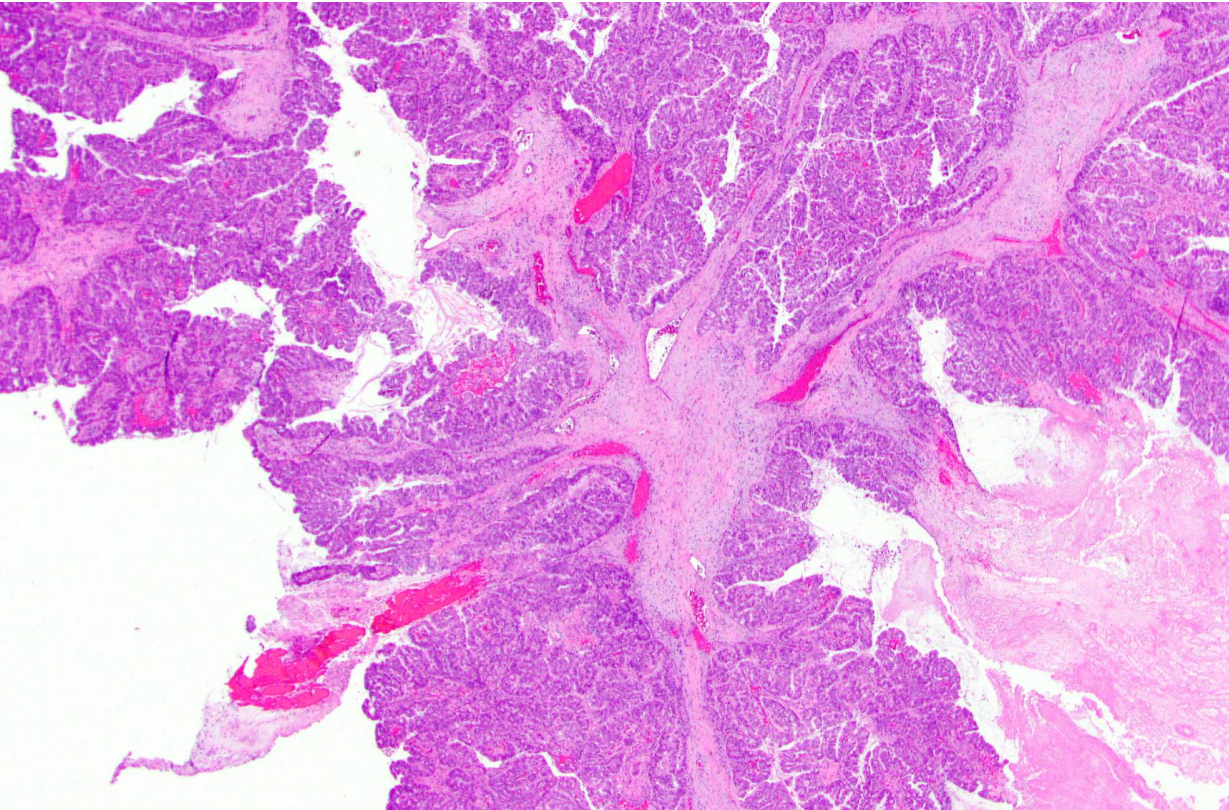


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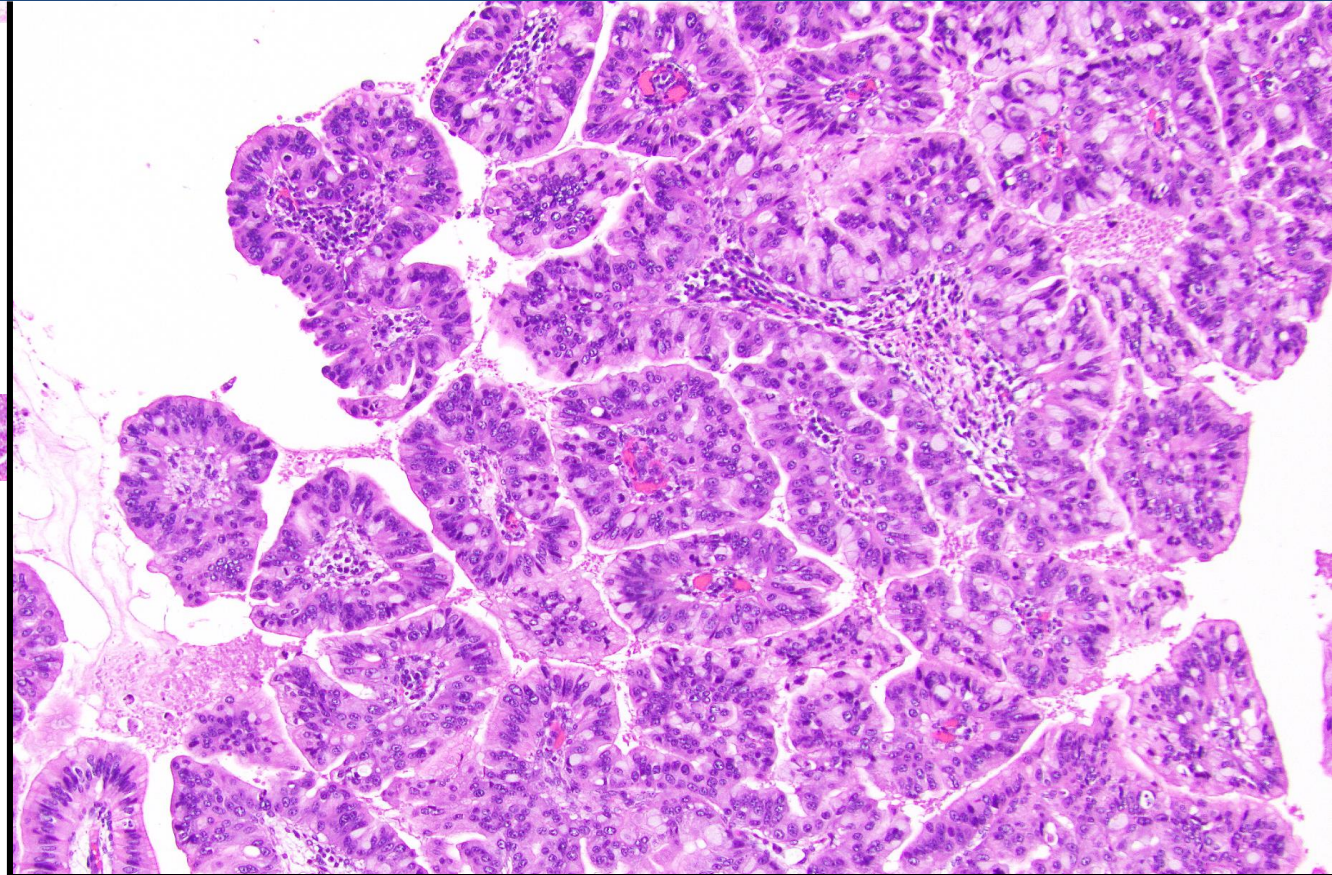
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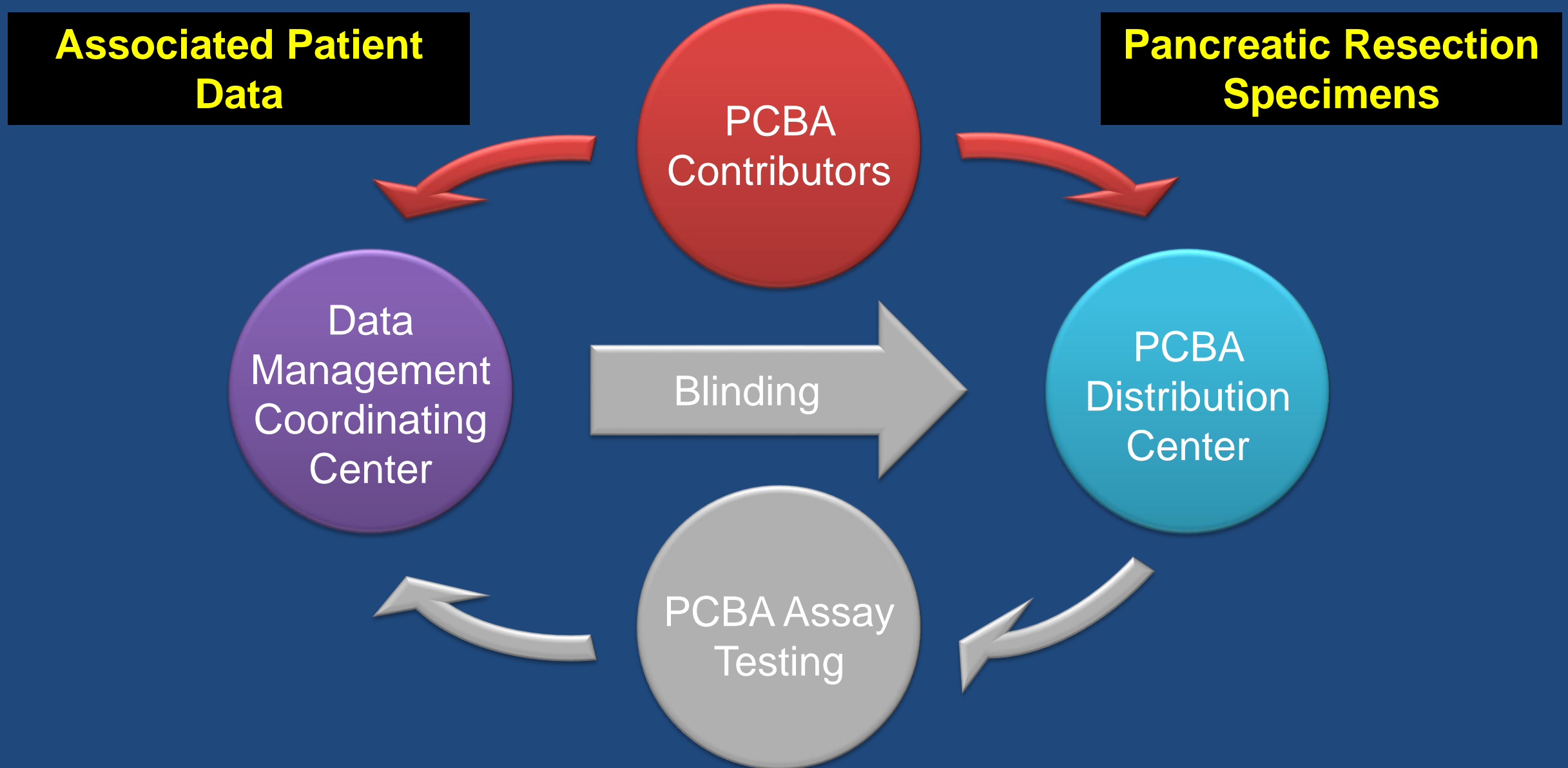
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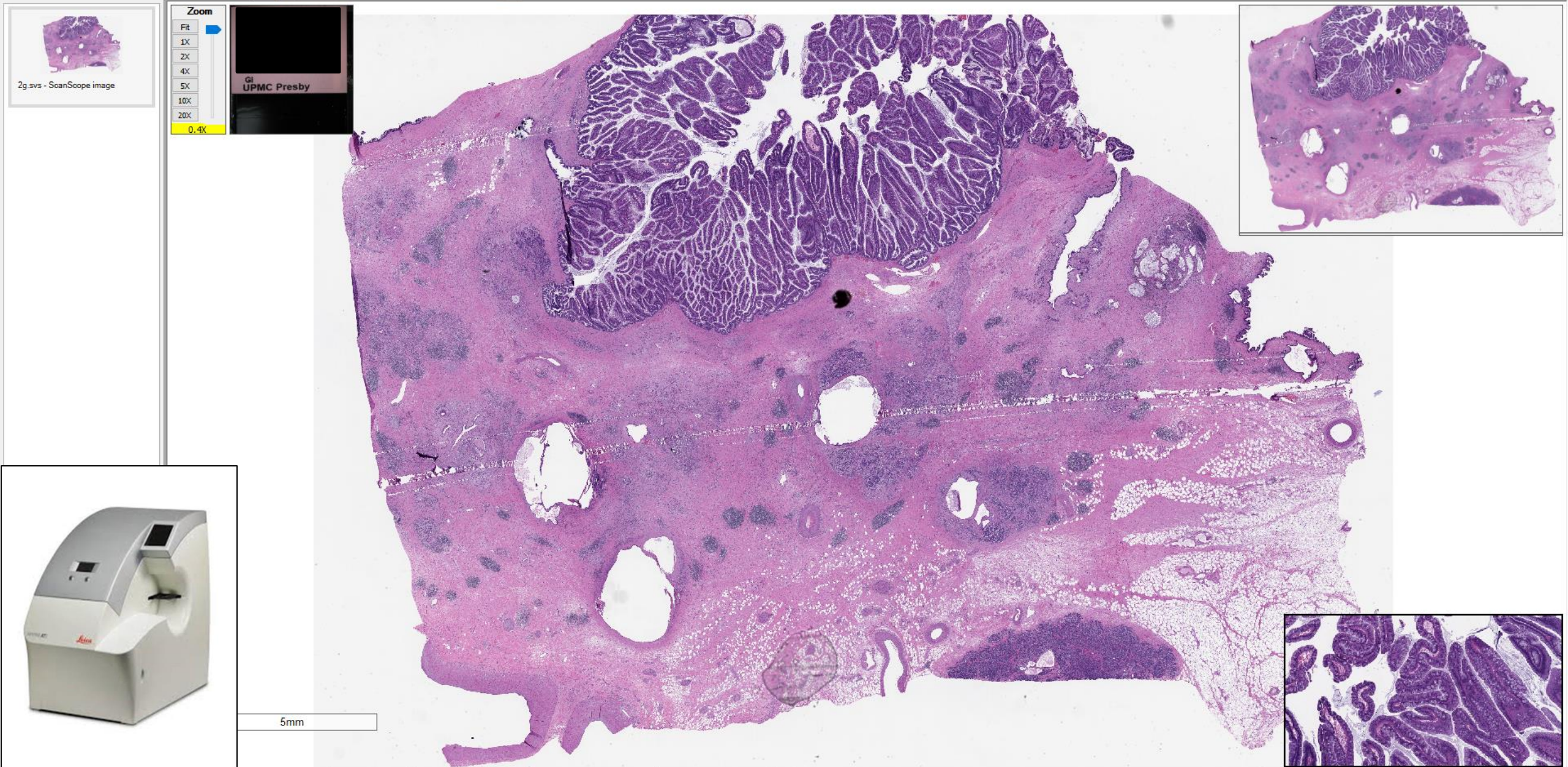


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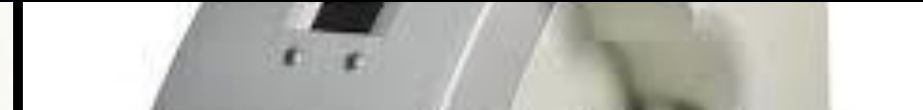
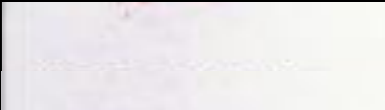
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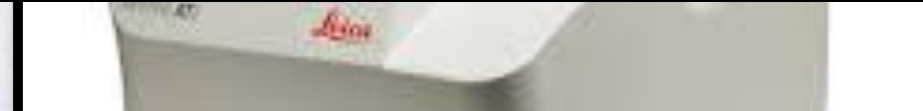
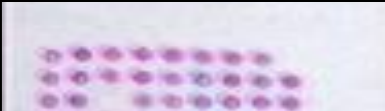


Digital Slide Scanning

PCBA Samples



Bake Off Samples



Separate Cohorts



Tissue Microarrays (TMAs)

- **Contributing sites:**
 - **University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**
 - **University of California, San Francisco**
 - **Stanford University**
 - **Washington University**
 - **Johns Hopkins University**
- **Associated clinical and pathologic metadata (e.g. preoperative findings, CEA, etc).**

PCBA Challenges



- Exploring opportunities and planning for the next phase of the **Pancreatic Cyst Biomarker Alliance.**
- Things to keep in mind:
 - **Additional investigators and assays**
 - **More specimens**
 - **Complementation of assays**
 - **Collaboration with other ongoing efforts**
 - **Reuse of specimens**
 - **Quality control mechanisms**

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